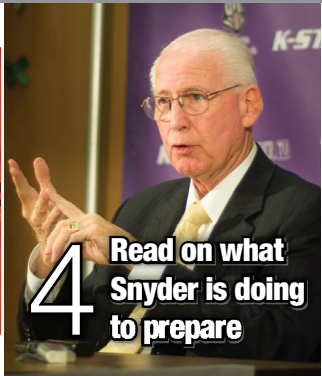




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Olympic dream comes true for K-State instructor

Jessie Pearson
staff writer

He's been obsessed with the Olympic Games since he was little, when he would watch everything he could on TV during the games, tape it and watch it over and over again. He never thought he would actually have the opportunity to be a part of it.

Bryan Pinkall, instructor of music at K-State, has been selected by the Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games as a producer for the Opening Ceremony of the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia.

"I've always wanted to be a part of this," Pinkall said. "I never thought it would actually happen."

Pinkall, who called himself "an enormous Olympic nerd" found the job opening for producer of the Olympic Opening Ceremony posted online two years ago. He said he applied for it, but didn't think anything of it until six months later when he received a call for an interview.

After that initial interview, Pinkall spent the next five months going through an interview and testing process. He said his days consisted of teaching at K-State, going home and going to bed, waking up at 1 a.m. for interviews via Skype and going back to bed until it was time to get up for work the next morning.

Gary Mortenson, director of the School of Music, Theatre and Dance, said Pinkall never does anything halfway. Mortenson said he sees this opportunity for Pinkall as a continuation of the qualities Pinkall already possesses, which include "a wonderful mix of talent and passion."

This is Pinkall's first year teaching at K-State, the university from which he graduated with a Masters in Music in 2010. He received his Doctorate from the Conservatory of Music and Dance at the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 2013, where he was a Kauffman Scholar.

Julie Yu, associate professor of music and co-director of choral studies, said Pinkall is incredibly talented but also very down-to-earth. She said she has known Pinkall since 2007, and every year she continues to learn new things about him and what he has accomplished.

A few of Pinkall's accomplish-

ments include being a featured singer at the opening gala concert for the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts in 2011, receiving the Ellen Battell Stoeckel Fellowship from Yale in 2012 and singing with the Kansas City Chorale, which won two Grammys in 2013. While working on his doctorate in Kansas City, Pinkall also founded the Kansas City Vocal Institute, which provides free or discounted music education for underpriv-

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Bryan Pinkall
instructor of music at K-State

ileged children and families in the Kansas City metropolitan area.

"Dr. Pinkall is the type of person who wants to make a difference in the world around him, and he does this by modeling the exact things our students will need to succeed someday," Mortenson said. "He wants to see everyone around him improve and do their best."

Along with teaching at K-State, Pinkall is the administrative director for the Summer Choral Institute (SCI) at K-State, which is a weeklong music and leadership camp for high school students. Yu said Pinkall has done amazing things for this institute.

"He singlehandedly makes it an experience these kids will never forget," Yu said.

She said many of Pinkall's students look to him as a role model and that he is the standard that she holds her students to because of his talent, work ethic and efficiency in getting things done.

Yu said Pinkall has many passions, including music, international culture and politics, sports, history and, of course, the Olympics. She said she believes that these passions make him very qualified for the position of producer of the Opening Ceremony.



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Bryan Pinkall, instructor of music and administrative Director for the K-state Summer Choral Institute, was chosen to help stage the opening ceremony of the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia.

Along with working on the production, Pinkall will also be performing as a part of the Opening Ceremony. He will be in Russia for 14 days, where he will be a part of daily rehearsals, including two public runs

before opening night.

"The Opening Ceremony is likely the largest piece of art that the world produces," Pinkall said. "It is one of the most exciting things to me about music."

The Opening Ceremony for the 2014 Winter Olympics will take place on Friday, Feb. 7. The ceremony will involve 5,000 people, from musicians and dancers to technicians and organizers.



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Valeria Guizado, junior in biology, laughs at a joke by professional comedian Francisco Ramos. UPC brought in Ramos to perform in the Union Ballroom Tuesday.

UPC hosts professional comedian in Union

Nicolas Wahl
staff writer

The Union Ballroom played host to a night of laughter Tuesday night as professional comedian Francisco Ramos graced the stage as part of the Union Program Council's UPC Week.

Ramos, originally from Venezuela, regaled those in attendance with a comedy routine that began its focus on Ramos' Hispanic roots.

As the show rolled along, he eventually made light of topics such as his love/hate relationship with the iPhone's Siri, the drive from Kansas City to Manhattan, relationships and some

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City talks interim water contract

Bridget Beran
staff writer

A drafted contract with Pottawatomie County Rural Water District 1 was the topic of discussion at Tuesday night's city commission work session. Dale Houdeshell, director of public works, presented the proposed interim and interlocal permanent contract.

"We've had a series of discussions over a significant period of months, and we're pretty close, and we wanted to get this document, as a draft, in front of you," Houdeshell said.

Currently, the city of Manhattan also provides water to the Konza district, and the drafted contract is formed in a similar fashion. Pottawatomie County Rural Water District 1 has seen a rapid population growth in the Blue Township, which is located immediately east of Manhattan. This has created a greater fire flow, and they are in need of more water. They estimate a population increase of 3,000 to 5,000 people over the next 20 years.

The interim contract would provide water for the Blue Township and the US Highway 24 service corridor. These areas must be classified separately due to the service corridor being more likely to become commercial rather than residential.

The interim agreement will be for 18 months and will allow the district to make it through the summer while the final contract is

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Survey says parents don't understand their kids' homework

Abigail Buser
staff writer

The National Center for Family Literacy just conducted a new study regarding parents and their children's homework. The results, gathered from online surveys, revealed that nearly 50 percent of children from first to 12th grade experience some degree of difficulty as they attempt to provide their kids with homework help. More than 46 percent said the reason they have so much trouble is because they don't understand the subject matter themselves.

Why is it that parents can't seem to help their kids? Carol Russell, instructor of English, said she doesn't believe it is a new problem, but that each generation experiences this. As a professor who previously taught middle school and high school for seven years, she said she experienced the same thing fifteen years ago.

"[The parents] didn't go to school to be teachers. They didn't go to school to pursue a career in teaching. Many of them don't feel comfortable in that role. It's not that they're not capable; it's that they have this umbrella of fear that they will be

teaching their children incorrectly," Russell said.

When Russell encountered parents struggling in her own classroom, she said she approached them the same way she did her students.

"If parents came to me, I treated my parents the exact same way I treated my students: if you don't understand it, let's sit down and learn it together," Russell said.

Emma Miller, freshman in elementary education, said she thinks the pace of the curriculum is a big part of the problem.

"As the world advances, the education of students has to keep up.

This includes making the content tougher and the pace that the material is covered quicker," Miller said.

Even as a freshman, Miller said she recognizes this as an issue and is already thinking about how she will deal with it in her own classroom.

"I will hopefully help this problem in my classroom by communicating with the parents and keeping them in the loop about what I'm teaching and what I want their children to learn," Miller said.

Hannah Pralle, junior in secondary education, agreed with Miller

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In response to that dirty Physics 2 exam...We should've at least gotten wine and dined before it did us like that.

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Yeah I etch the crossword in stone, because I'm too awesome for pen.

Kids who still wear Star Wars shirts on campus make my day.

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For the Win | By Parker Wilhelm

THESE EARLY CLASSES ARE A PAIN. I BARELY HAVE THE TIME TO DO MY HAIR AND MAKEUP.

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Monday, Oct. 7

Brandie Kae Max, of the 2000 block of Casement Road, was booked for misdemeanor giving a worthless check. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Sumatra Haynes, of the 6000 block of Tuttle Terrace, was booked for probation violation. No bond was listed.

Marcos Pacheco Valdez, of the 400 block of Colorado Street, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Tuesday, Oct. 8

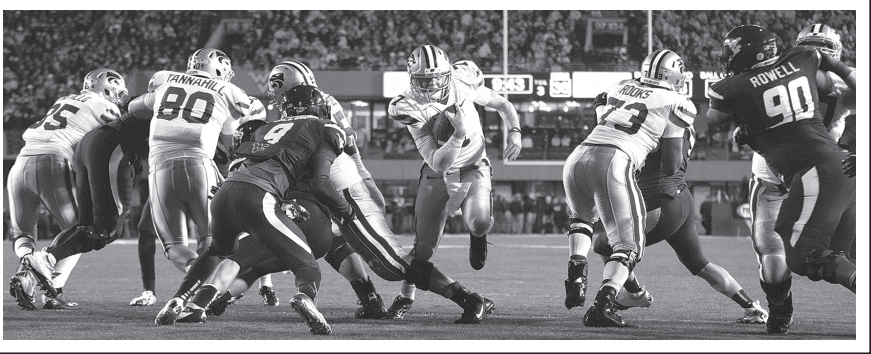
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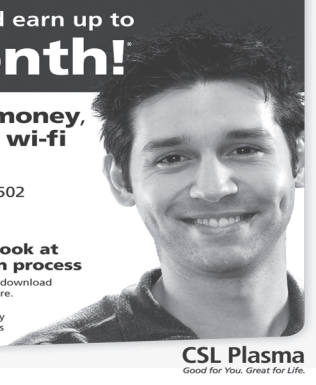
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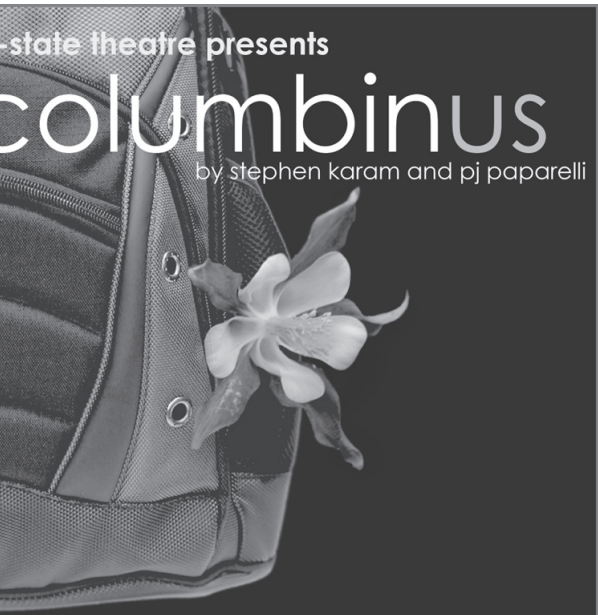
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Every government shutdown needs a soundtrack



For those who don't get it yet, our government is shut down. The last time our government shut down was in 1995. That was the year some of the students here were born. But here we are again. If you're fed up with pop music, rock and alternative music, or even the country stations, here is a festive list of songs to remind you that the government doesn't have their act together.

1. Bobby Fuller Four – "I Fought the Law (And the Law Won)"
I couldn't think of a more appropriate song. Oh, you don't like the Affordable Heath Care Act? Okay, shut the government down. When one fights the law, it usually wins. The law is an

institutional establishment, and when messed with, the effects are felt by hundreds of thousands of Americans.

2. Semisonic – "Closing Time"
The one thing people would never think of being closed during the 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. work-day is government institutions. Well, unfortunately for you, they are. I wonder if government workers on Mon., Sept. 30 were silently singing, "Closing time. You don't have to go home, but you can't stay here." Even though we are looking at the shutdown as a bad thing, "[a] new beginning comes from some other beginning's end."

3. Disturbed – "Land of Confusion"
A song about trying to remember a brighter time when everything around you now just seems so bleak. Sounds familiar, right? Yeah. Even though the government has been shut down for a little more than a week, the resolution seems bleak. The eight days the government has been shut down have seemed longer

than necessary because the two parties can't get along.

4. Public Enemy – "Shut 'Em Down"
"Shut 'Em Down" discusses the hardships communities of color face when it comes to their relationship with the government. Broadening the song's perspective, the government as a whole is screwing over all of the United States. Almost 800,000 workers have been furloughed, and countless others have been directly affected. This song is critical for any government shutdown playlist.

5. School House Rock – "I'm Just a Bill"
The song features an elementary school version of how a bill is passed through the House of Representatives, then to the Senate and finally signed into law by the president. This song reminds us that even though the Affordable Health Care Act is just a bill, it went a long distance and time to get signed in by President Obama. But now, with both parties from both sections of Congress acting out about funding for

this bill, our government is shutdown.

If these five songs don't do it for you, maybe adding in some music from the last time the government was shut down might spice things up. Even though some of the student population were still in their toddler years, these songs are still well-known. Some of the most popular songs of 1995 were Coolio's "Gangsta's Paradise," Smashing Pumpkins' "Bullet with Butterfly Wings," Mariah Carey featuring Boyz II Men's "One Sweet Day" and Bush's "Glycerine."



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K-State students share dorm, apartment roommate horror stories

Logan Falletti
contributing writer

Nothing expands horizons at college as quickly as having a roommate. Sharing a residence hall room or an apartment for the first time away from home can bring out the best in a relationship or the worst.

"I had never had a roommate before, so it was kind of scary," Megan Roberts, senior in psychology, said about her first year in Marlatt Hall with

a roommate she didn't know. "Because of her, in my second year as a [community assistant], I took the single room because I didn't want to live with her."

On the plus side, sharing a living space can also allow students to learn about new cultures and meet new people. Regardless of outcome, the college roommate experience often generates interesting stories to retell later on.

Some K-State students on the Manhattan campus

shared their roommate pet peeves, and two major themes emerged.

Cleanliness is at the top of the list. Many students told stories of mold, dishes, trash and even bodily fluids ending up in places they shouldn't have been.

"The whole room smelled like nasty feet," Roberts said. "She wouldn't pick up any trash. The [trash] can was overflowing. The desk was full and falling onto the floor."

Having a clean environ-

ment can go a long way in making living spaces more livable. Basic hygiene also plays into this.

"[My old roommate] would blow his nose, and then throw it on the floor," Mike Linder, junior in electrical engineering, said.

The kitchen also seems to be a point of contention.

Ben Luethold, senior in computer engineering, said he and his roommates had an incident with spinach. His roommates had forgotten it

in the vegetable drawer, and eventually it started to mold. It became a brown, sopping mess by the time they removed it. And he isn't alone in his kitchen woes.

"He peed in the kitchen when he was really drunk," Josh Goode, junior in agriculture business, said of a roommate. "He got kicked out of a concert in Aggieville, and when we came home he was peeing in the kitchen."

Housing and Dining introduced a system called

"My Home, My Roommate" to match potential roommates better to avoid conflict. Off-campus students have no such system, and therefore must tread more carefully.

The common denominator, it seems, is that the best roommates have similar schedules and respect for themselves as well as their roommates. A firm contract at the beginning of the lease could save some destroyed bathrooms or kitchens and possibly a deposit.

Lorde album defies pop culture

"Pure Heroine"
Album review by
Landon Ochsner

At 16 years old, most people were drudging through high school trying to get to the next day with the least amount of effort possible. Waking up and going to school was a major accomplishment. Actually paying attention was a miracle.

But 16-year-old New Zealander Ella Yelich-O'Connor, also known by her stage name Lorde, has accomplished a lot more than the average teen. She reigns number one on the Billboard Alternative charts with her hit single "Royals." She has just released her first full length album, "Pure Heroine."

Yelich-O'Connor is something to behold among young artists. She combines smoky Lana del Rey-esque vocals, antithetical pop lyrics and The xx-like (an English indie pop band) soundscapes with a hip-hop edge to create an entirely new brand of irreverent pop.

"Pure Heroine" opens with "Tennis Court," an upbeat track that speaks about the struggle of teenage life, relationships and growing up — themes that are completely overdone and cliché. However, Lorde manages to delve deeper into the subjects than most songs. She sings, "We're so happy, even when we're smiling out of fear" and confronts stereotypes with, "Baby be the class clown, I'll be the beauty queen in tears."

Lorde continues the teen love theme on the album's second track, "400 Lux," and again blows away any other



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teen artist's lyrics, crooning, "We might be hollow, but we're brave." On "Still Sane," "Glory and Gore," "Ribs" and "A World Alone," Lorde takes the fear of growing up head on with lines like, "I've never felt so alone / It feels so scary getting old."

The third track off of "Pure Heroine" is Lorde's wildly successful single, "Royals." Along with the sixth track "Team," these songs present the album's overarching critique of modern pop music and its portrayal of the opulent non-stop party culture.

On "Royals," Lorde sings, "But every song is like gold teeth, Grey Goose, trippin' in the bathroom," followed by, "We don't care / we aren't

caught up in your love affair." On "Team," she proclaims, "I'm kind of over getting told to throw my hands up in the air," a direct dig at many club anthems.

Lorde's "Pure Heroine" is a breath of fresh air in a music industry clogged with loud, drug induced hits. She shows that it's possible for a young female artist to be successful without going the molly-popping, wrecking-ball riding way of Miley Cyrus and that sometimes it's OK to turn down instead of getting "turnt" up.

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Despite burger mishap, bar boasts large portions, cool look

Powercat Sports
Grill
★★★★☆
Restaurent review by Jakki Thompson

One of the latest additions to the Manhattan scene is Powercat Sports Grill. Located at 3011 Anderson Ave. on the west side of Manhattan, it delivers an experience unlike other establishments.

After continually seeing signs saying "Opening Eventually" and finally "Opening Next Week" on the building, my level of anticipation for this restaurant was pretty high. When I finally realized the establishment was open on Monday, I had dinner there that night.

The atmosphere is one of a kind. With multiple TVs of varying sizes and unique decor, it was a delight to look at everything. The interior of Powercat Sports Bar and Grill is the ultimate fan experience, featuring K-State themed wall paper and an incredible amount of K-State memorabilia. It looks as if the collection of a lifetime is displayed on the walls of the restaurant.

The menu is typical of a sports bar, offering traditional dishes like wings and a variety of deep fried appetizers, as well as items like chili cheese fries and Coach Mo's nachos, among other things. My spouse and I tried the chili cheese fries. They weren't great, but they weren't bad.

For our main dishes, I ordered a plain cheeseburger with a side of cheese tots, and my spouse ordered the chicken fried steak with fries. With my spouse's meal came with a salad that was brought before the actual entree. Not even minutes after we had gotten our appetizer, the salad arrived. There wasn't enough time to enjoy the food we had already gotten before other food arrived.

When our entrees finally arrived, mine was a shock and a disappointment. I had

ordered a cheeseburger that was delivered to me without cheese. The meat was cooked medium, and as someone who is not used to eating meat that isn't cooked fully, I was a little disgusted that my hamburger was still pink in its center. I was not asked how I wanted my cheeseburger cooked.

The chicken fried steak was well prepared and came in an overly generous portion. I would be more than impressed with someone who could eat the entire thing in one sitting. The gravy that topped the entree was well made and the steak was cooked thoroughly. The fries that accompanied the meal were also good. They weren't over seasoned, nor were they too crispy or too soggy.

There are some pluses and minuses to this new establishment. First and foremost, I was disappointed in the lack of care for a simple order like a cheeseburger. The food also came at an exceptional speed, which caused a detrimental effect to the experience.

However, I understand I went to Powercat Sports Grill the night it opened, so many of these problems could be resolved by the time others go.

The positives are that the portions are more than pleasing for the price paid, and the prices are extremely reasonable for a sports bar environment. For the restaurant goer looking for a typical sports bar and grill experience, this would be the place to go.

Even though there were faults with my experience, I would still rate this restaurant three and a half stars out of five. I was impressed with more of my experience than I was disappointed with it. If you aren't at the game on game day, I would recommend sports fans come to this establishment. It would make for a unique experience.

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David Embers
staff writer

After a bounce back win against TCU at home on Saturday, the K-State Wildcats volleyball team is headed to Ames, Iowa today to face the Iowa State Cyclones. K-State, now 13-3, picked up their first conference win against the Horned Frogs and are looking to build on that momentum. The match will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be played at the familiar Hilton Coliseum. Here is a preview of what to expect from the Cyclones.

After last week's 1-1 record, the Wildcats received only five votes in the AVCA Coaches Top 25 poll. Iowa State received 16 votes.

Iowa State enters the match with an overall record of 8-5, but is 2-1 in the conference. The Cyclones' two wins in the Big 12 have come against Texas Tech and Baylor, and their lone conference loss came at the hands of Oklahoma in Norman. All five losses for ISU this season have come at the hands of a team that is either ranked in the top 25 or has received votes.

Christy Johnson-Lynch enters her eighth year as the head coach for the Cyclones. She has amassed a record of 172-81 in her time at ISU and has the most wins in Iowa State history. Under Johnson-Lynch, the Cyclones have gone to seven straight NCAA tournaments. In 2009, Johnson-Lynch was named the Big 12 Coach of the Year.

As a team, Iowa State averages 14 kills per set. The Cyclones swing with an attack percentage of .251 and hold their opponents to .206. In

total, ISU has 660 kills. Perhaps even more impressive is the Cyclone serving. ISU averages nearly two aces per game, and have over a 90 percent serve percentage. The Cyclones lead the Big 12 in aces per set, and are second in kills per set. Individually, the three-headed monster of sophomore right side hitter Mackenzie Bigbee, freshman outside hitter Ciara Capezio, and junior outside hitter Victoria Hurtt leads the Cyclones. They combine for nearly 10 kills per set, and all swing with a kill percentage over .215. Sophomore setter Jenelle Hudson leads the team in assists with 537, over 11 assists per set. Senior libero Kristen Hahn leads both the Cyclones and the Big 12 in digs at 5.7 per set.

Defensively, the Cyclones do a great job keeping the ball alive and forcing the opponent to swing with authority to get a kill. The back row for ISU is one of the best in the Big 12, and their depth in the front row allows coach Johnson-Lynch to rotate blockers to ensure they are always fresh. Iowa State has ten players who have played 29 or more sets, and have eight different players who have started a match.

Iowa State has won nine of the last ten matches with K-State, and the Wildcats haven't won in Ames since 2007. Going into Hilton Coliseum and walking out victorious will be a tall task for the Wildcats, but one that K-State needs to make happen if they want to continue their bounce back in Big 12 play. Dropping to 1-3 would create a deep hole for the Wildcats; especially considering their upcoming game after ISU is on the road against a really good

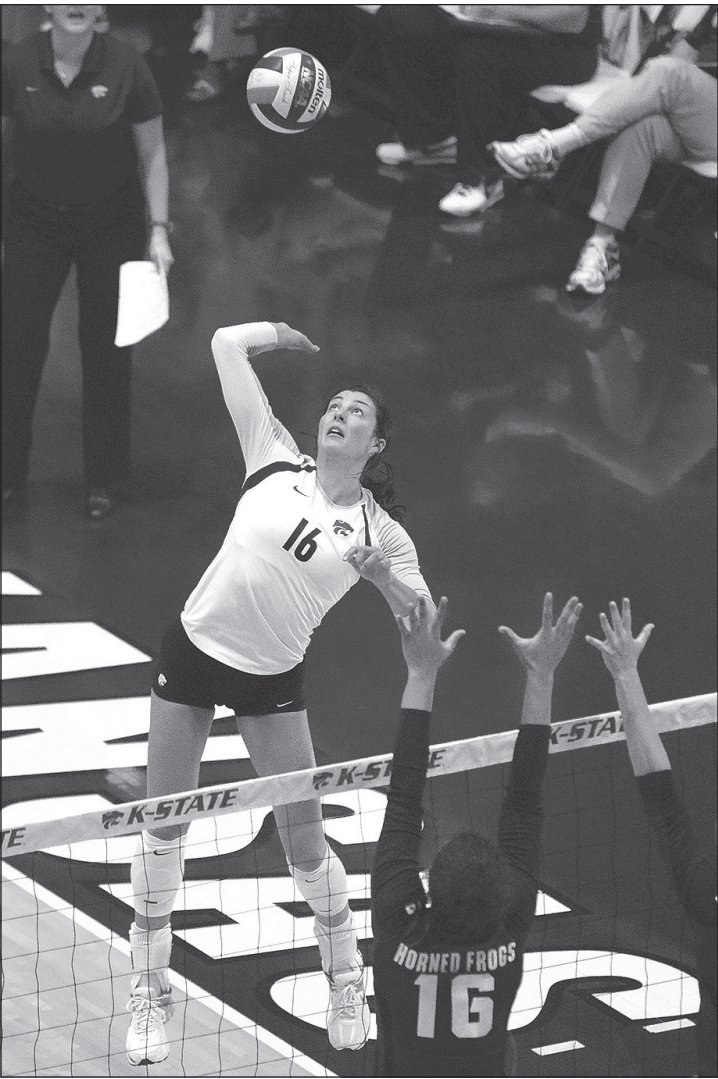
Oklahoma team. Texas is currently pacing the conference, sitting at 10-2 and currently ranked No. 4 in the NCAA. The Longhorns also have the No. 1 RPI, compared to K-State's No. 29 ranking.

Against TCU, it was evident that senior middle blocker and unquestioned leader of the Wildcats Kaitlynn Pelger took it upon herself to get her team back on track. Pelger led the Wildcats with a season high 23 kills, and also added a team-high six blocks. The gritty performance from Pelger and the rest of the Wildcats seems to be the recipe for success when K-State faces tough teams. Head coach Suzie Fritz works deep into her bench, demands a balanced offensive attack, and looks to ugly the game up with fundamental defense and stout frontline play.

If K-State wants to rattle off four or five wins in a row and challenge Texas for a Big 12 title, the Wildcats are going to have to rally around their seniors and return to what got them wins in the preseason. The continued improvement of red-shirt freshman setter Katie Brand is making the offense more effective, but the hitters must emphasize playing terminally and putting away points in order to upset some of the top tier volleyball teams in the Big 12.

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K-State senior outside hitter **Dakota Kaufman** spikes the ball against TCU at Ahearn Field House on Saturday. After winning the first set, the Wildcats trailed the Horned Frogs in the next two, but came back in the 4th and 5th sets to win the match.



This Week in K-State Sports

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Snyder discusses strong Baylor team, Wildcats aim for high energy matchup



Emily DeShazer | Collegian

At a press conference held Tuesday, head football coach Bill Snyder talks about how penalties and turnovers played a part in K-State's loss to Oklahoma State on Saturday.

John Zetmeir
assistant sports editor

Bill Snyder has prepared for hundreds of offenses over the years as head coach of the Wildcats. However, this Saturday, the No. 15 Baylor Bears will come into Manhattan averaging 70.5 points a game. Snyder said that a case could be made for Baylor as the most prolific offense Snyder's seen up to this point.

"I could not tell you that I can think of an offense at this particular moment in time that is seemingly more prolific than Baylor's offense," Snyder said. "The numbers speak for themselves."

Those numbers include an average of 432.3 passing yards per game and 347.3 rushing yards per game. Not only has their offense been getting it done this year, but their defense has also greatly improved. Last season through their first four games, the Bears were allowing nearly 40 points per game to opponents. This season, that number has dropped to 16.3 points.

"I think they have just gotten

better year in and year out and are getting acclimated to Phil's [Bennett] defense, and he is a tremendously talented football coach," Snyder said. "They are playing awfully well on defense, and that is what goes unnoticed. They have been pretty decent, also, on special teams, but they have really been very talented on defense. You think in terms of turnovers and of their interceptions that have been returned for touchdowns. They have picked a fumble and returned it 92 yards or something like that for a touchdown. They have this massive number of long-yardage plays. I think there are like 55 plays that are 25 yards or more, and five or six of them belong to the defense. They are opportunistic to say the least."

With a 0-2 start for the Wildcats in conference play so far this season, K-State is watching the opportunity to defend their Big 12 title slip away. Yet, despite their early struggles, members of the team said they believe that panicking is not an option.

"Panic has never entered [Snyder's] vocabulary, which is

a good thing," sophomore wide receiver Kyle Klein said. "It is more just keep working, keep improving, minimizing our mistakes and improve on them. It is definitely not a time to panic. We just need to go back to work and get better every day. One of these days, if it is this week or next week, we are going to come out on top. Once we do, we will just keep doing what we have been doing."

Last season, the Wildcats were ranked No. 1 in the country when they traveled to Waco to take on the Bears. Baylor defeated the top ranked team in the country that night, which sparked the Bears to an eight game winning streak that is still intact. K-State players said they believe the Wildcats played with a lack of energy last season in Waco, which is something that cannot happen again on Saturday if the Wildcats want to be successful.

"I remember that the energy was not there like it usually was," said sophomore defensive lineman Travis Britz. "That

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Men's golf takes fourth at invitational despite team's success in final round



Jed Barker | Collegian

K-State senior **David Klautdt** hits a tee shot during the Jim Colbert Intercollegiate at Colbert Hills Golf Club in Manhattan on Oct. 1.

Tate Steinlage
staff writer

It was a disappointing finish for the K-State men's golf team Tuesday in Akron, Ohio at the Firestone Invitational. Despite recording their lowest single-round score of the event, the Wildcats dropped from second to fourth place in a highly-competitive final round.

The Wildcats' third round one-par 289 seemed to be enough to put the squad in an excellent position to capture their first team victory of the season; however, Tuesday's field saw seven other teams record scores lower than Wildcats, including Division II South Carolina-Aiken who went on to win the event at seven-over par 871.

"We came up a little short today, but to only lose by six shots showed signs of progress, and

hopefully that will set us up confidence-wise for the last event of the fall," head coach Tim Norris said to K-State Sports. "I think things are turning in the right direction, but we have to shore up a couple of things. Overall, to be that close to winning was a pretty good performance by these guys."

Four out of the five Wildcat golfers improved on their second-round scores to help the team to a 13-over par 877 finish at the par-72, 7,125-yard Firestone Country Club North. Senior Alex Carney and sophomore Matt Green continued their impressive form, recording third-round scores of two-under par 70 and two-over par 74, respectively. Carney and Green rounded out the invitational tied for third place

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CITY | New customers to pay 200 percent more

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negotiated.

"It would allow for the provision of some water flow, constructing and designing the project, Houdeshell said.

The change would allow Pottawatomie County Rural Water District 1 to retain their existing customers; however, when new customers arrive, the city will have the first right to negotiate with them.

Initially, customers will be charged 200 percent of the in-city rate, but this would decrease to 125 percent after the additional costs to the city are paid off. The district will pay a connection fee that is determined as the percentage of the total capacity of the city water that is being used by the district.

"The biggest thing is that we move this project forward instead of letting it last as long as it can," David Hall, chairman of Pottawatomie County Rural Water District 1, said. "The

sooner we get it up and get it working, the sooner we can have people at the 125 percent instead of the 200."

The interlocal contract would be for an indefinite amount of time, but if approved it will be re-evaluated every 10 years. Houdeshell said the area will pay for itself and the contract will have no effect on those who are within city limits and receiving water from Manhattan.

By 2030, with all of its contracts, the city estimates that they will have a total capacity of 24 million gallons of water per day.

Final plans and numbers are being determined and finalized by Houdeshell, and will be re-presented to the city commission for approval. The commission was positive about the work Houdeshell had done thus far.

"It looks like you've done your homework. Just keep doing what you're doing," Commissioner Karen McCullough.

HW | Today's students face 'fast-paced,' more 'rigorous' curriculum

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that it is the fast-paced curriculum taught in schools that is causing kids to learn more than their parents were taught. In order to address the problem in her own classroom, Pralle said she plans to send a sheet home with her students explaining the concepts with examples.

Rebecca Walmann, senior in secondary education, is currently student teaching at Junction City High School. She also noted a progression of intensity in education.

"Coursework is also getting more rigorous and we are expecting more out of our students in order to ensure success in either college or in their careers," Walmann said.

Walmann added that teachers try to stay in contact with parents when they know a student needs help.

"We are offering students to check out a book for their parents to read along with them

to help them understand the text," Walmann said.

The NCFE suggests two different websites for parents to

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Rebecca Walmann
senior in secondary education

visit: Thinkfinity or Wonderopolis.org, both of which contain curriculum information used in schools across the country.

In addition to the websites, parents are encouraged to talk to the teacher, who might already have solutions to remedy the homework problem.

RAMOS | Comedian calls out audience members

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of the problems that come along with rooting for a university sports team that has a Terrapin — a kind of turtle — for a mascot.

Valeria Guizado, junior in biology, who attended the show after seeing a poster in the Union, left satisfied.

"I thought he was really funny," Guizado said. "He wasn't like those comedians who play off of their awkwardness, like 'awkward, laugh at that.' He's very comfortable on stage."

Ramos, who has performed across the country and has appeared on Jimmy Kimmel Live, said that his goal, other than just plain being funny, is to play off of his high energy to drive home his points and make the audience laugh.

"I think I'm very physical. I like to move around and do a lot of act outs. My jokes are like, if you see them on paper you wouldn't laugh out loud, but you do when I act them out," Ramos said.

Once such bit featured Ramos talking about and focusing on the often cringeworthy faces that people make while having sex.

The intimate crowd also beckoned him to call out certain audience members and aim his act directly at them. Two such victims were couple Nicole Sharp, senior in life science, and Derek Miller, senior in finance.

"I was just trying to figure out where he was going to go with it in the beginning," Miller said.

Ramos then went on to explain how, during the course of a relationship, things like being naked around each other become easier over time, while things like showering together are never quite like they seem in the movies or on television.

"I thought it was funny. I thought it was hilarious," Sharp said.

Beth Little, graduate student in college student development, who helped set up the event as part of her duties as a UPC practicum student, said that Ramos was chosen in part because of his Hispanic culture.

"We decided to kind of partner with that and showcase that it is Hispanic Heritage Month. Jasmine [Davis] actually helped come up with that as our multicultural co-chair," Little said.

Davis, sophomore in sociology, criminology and women's studies and an aspiring comedian herself, played host at the event.

Moving the show along with some jokes of her own, she introduced Ramos and the opening act, Danny Neely, senior in food science and electronic journalism at K-State. She was also instrumental in getting Ramos to Manhattan for the event.

"They asked me who I wanted to bring, and at a last-minute decision we chose Ramos over another comedian because we thought he would be a better fit to make people laugh," Davis said.

As for her own comedy, Davis



Francisco Ramos tells a joke to a crowd Tuesday night in the Union Ballroom. UPC brought in the comedian to perform for K-students.

stepped out of her comfort zone and toned down her act.

"I'm usually pretty colorful, but clean comedy was new," Davis said.

Neely, who won the UPC's Last Comic Standing event in March, said it was nice to get to chat with a professional comedian like Ramos.

"Talking to Francisco before the show, he gave me a great idea of what trying to do this professionally is really like," Neely said. "He talked about a lot of experiences I've already encountered, which was refreshing. You hear

some people telling you what you can't do, and other people telling you your dreams just come true if you want it bad enough. I felt that [Ramos] gave me a really nice, realistic perspective."

Neely's act included horrifying tales of brown recluse spiders and how "white" he was. He got his biggest laugh of the night during a bit in which he imagined what it would be like after Bill Snyder "moved on," before facepalming himself and explaining that by moving on he didn't mean to imply that Snyder was going to die soon.

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Obamacare breakdown: how ACA affects students

Christa Deneault
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The recent launching of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, often referred to as Obamacare, has left many people confused and curious about this complex legislation. Students especially are wondering what the ACA is and how it will affect their lives.

The ACA's main goal is to bring healthcare to people who are uninsured and at an affordable cost. The majority of non-elderly people have employer-sponsored insurance, which makes up the bulk of the insured. Other common forms of insurance are included in Medicare, for the elderly, and Medicaid, for the poor. Unfortunately the largest group of uninsured is working poor or people who cannot afford insurance outside of their workplace and who are not covered by their employers. Undocumented immigrants are excluded from the ACA.

Before the implementation of the ACA, non-group insurance was the only kind of insurance available for those who do not qualify for employer-sponsored insurance, Medicare or Medicaid. Non-group insurance is notorious for discriminating against the sick, who often

need insurance the most.

According to the National Bureau of Economic Research and Jonathan Gruber's working paper series, the ACA is formed based on a "three-legged stool." The first part is meant to reform the non-group insurance. This includes outlawing rejections based on pre-existing conditions, guaranteeing access to non-group insurance, restricting the ability to charge different premiums due to health conditions (except for age and smoking status), and ensuring "essential" benefits are comprised in all plans.

The second part is an individual mandate for insurance. This simply means everyone must purchase insurance. The mandate is meant to compensate for individuals who would not purchase insurance until they become ill, thus increasing premiums for everyone. There is a fine for not purchasing insurance, and it increases each year. In 2014 it is 1 percent of income or \$95 (plus the cost of any medical bills not covered by insurance), whichever is larger. Exemption from this fee can be achieved if the cost of premiums is more than 8 percent of total income or households whose incomes are below the threshold for filing a tax return.

The third element is the affordable aspect of the ACA. It entails government subsidies to increase eligibility for Medicare for adults with incomes 133 percent below the poverty level. According to healthcare.gov, that is \$15,800 for one person if the state implements the expansion, which is voluntary by state. Kansas did not implement the expansion, though about half of the states in the U.S. have.

The ACA plans to compensate the cost of health insurance in the following ways: reductions in Medicare Advantage, reductions in Medicare reimbursement, an increase in Medicare payroll tax by 0.9 percent and an extension of that tax to households that make more than \$200,000 a year, new excise taxes on divisions that are expected to benefit from ACA, a "Cadillac Tax" (40 percent tax on expensive insurance products), and penalty payments (for example, tax on higher wages due to employers not providing employer-sponsored insurance).

The Congressional Budget Office estimates the revenue generated by the financial plan will exceed the cost by about \$100 billion in a decade.

"Both sides tend to overstate

the degree to which it will affect the economy in the short term," Daniel Kuester, director of undergraduate studies in economics, said. "Two things I think are necessary to watch for are the effects on long term national debt and the advantage, to avoid higher transaction fees, for small business to not expand."

There are many issues that can be delved into, but what does this mean for students in particular?

The ACA allows young adults to stay insured under their parents' coverage until age 26. It might be advantageous for students who have this option to utilize it.

"This is hugely important, especially in this economy, where they may not immediately get a job with health insurance," Steffen Schmidt, professor of political science at Iowa State, said.

For students who cannot take advantage of their parents' insurance, the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation has a subsidy calculation tool. It will estimate the cost of insurance depending on state residency, salary, employer coverage and number of people in the household. For a Kansan with \$3,000 per year income and no employer coverage, the figures conclude for the

bronze plan (the most basic coverage) which carries a \$1,534 price tag. This is a hefty 51 percent of the hypothetical person's total income. The silver plan costs \$2,049 or 68 percent of total income.

"I don't have insurance and neither does my family, but I don't think I'd purchase any," Logan Brecheisen, freshman in computer science, said. "Insurance would be a waste of money for me because I'm healthy. I think it's better to save money in case of an emergency."

The above silver and bronze plan estimates may seem a little discouraging, but it's imperative to remember that \$1,500 is comparatively inexpensive for insurance. However, healthy young students may not be convinced that it's worth it. Fortunately, there are a few other options. The bronze plan is more than 8 percent of total income, if figuring based on \$3,000. This means that the student does not have to pay for insurance and would not be fined. The student also has another option, the catastrophic plan. This is available to anyone under 30 whose plan is more than 8 percent of their income. It provides coverage after a \$6,350 deductible.

More information can be found by visiting healthcare.gov.

PRESSER | Snyder emphasizes need for discipline

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is something that we are trying to emphasize with the younger guys. I have seen firsthand how not having energy does not help you at all. We really need to come into the game, really be energized and have the attitude that we will win."

Penalties and turnovers continued to plague the

Wildcats in Saturday's game against Oklahoma State. K-State was penalized 12 times on Saturday and turned the ball over five times. Snyder said he believes that to have success, his team will have to be more disciplined.

"I think we have to be a more disciplined football team, and that encompasses the penalties and the turn-

overs," Snyder said. "It is just a matter of doing things the appropriate way. There is a way to prevent most turnovers, maybe not all, but most. There is a way to prevent penalties, maybe not all as true in this ballgame, but for the most part there is a way to do that, and it takes a great deal of focus. It is not that the youngsters are not trying — that is

not the issue. It is just being able to, like all of us have to do — whatever it is that we have to do, we do it right or we do it wrong. It takes a great deal of discipline to do it right all the time. Discipline, focus, concentration, whatever the case may be, the right decision-making that you have to make — all that goes into play."

GOLF | Most K-Stater golfers finish off well on final day of tournament

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at two-under 214 each.

Senior Daniel Wood carded a final-round one-over par 73 to finish the event tied for 32nd at six-over par 222. Junior Kyle Weldon improved six strokes from his Monday afternoon score to end the event at 11-over par 227, while senior Tyler Norris closed out his play with his best round of the event at five-over par 77, good enough for 89th at 27-over par 243.

Eastern Michigan soph-

omore Stuart Grehan captured his first individual victory of the year at nine-under par 207, shooting his second five-under par 67 of the event Tuesday. This is the third time this season that Grehan has led the Eagles in scoring.

The Wildcats will see some time off before traveling out west to Stockton, Calif. for the 2013 Pacific Invitational, Oct. 31 – Nov. 2 at the Stockton Golf and Country Club. Last year at the event, the Wildcats used a Weldon birdie to seal up their second victory of the fall season.

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